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DIARY NOTES

Executive Director-Comptroller

12 July 1965

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1. Jack Earman talked with me about several items.

a. He mentioned a replacement for [redacted]. He has subsequently discussed this with Dick Helms and it has been agreed that [redacted] will fill this position provided, of course, that this is agreeable to [redacted].

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b. I reviewed with Jack the current practice of sending audit reports to BPAM. I asked him to continue this and, in addition, to bring to my personal attention any significant reports of which he thinks I should be promptly aware.

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c. Jack and I had agreed some time ago that he would have a team look into our procurement and contracting procedures. He wanted to assign Scott Breckinridge and Frank Chapin to this survey, but they will not be available until a little later. I agreed that this was okay but that we should do it as soon as possible.

2. I read the Inspector General's report on the National Photographic Interpretation Center over the weekend. It appears to be an excellent report and I have had informal conversations with Hank Knoche as to the action which DDCI ought to take. I anticipate that this will be forthcoming from DDCI in a memorandum.

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3. [redacted] was in to brief me on the status of the long-range plan. They are currently trying to do the first five years with dollar figures attached. However, the second and third five-year periods will be prepared without dollar estimates. I agreed that this seemed sensible at this point in time. [redacted] reported that Mr. Kirkpatrick is driving hard to complete this report by 1 September and he feared there might be some irritation because of a 28 July deadline which has been set for submission of a great deal of the material. I told Jim that I thought it important for this report to be completed prior to Kirk's full-time departure for Brown University and that we should realize that no report of this kind is worth very much unless it is reviewed periodically and kept up to date. Hence, I don't think we should shy away from short deadlines, nor should we strive for absolute perfection.

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4. [redacted] and [redacted] were in to talk with me about certain renovations in the lobby and reception rooms which have recently been approved by Kirk. While I certainly would like to see this work done, I have some misgivings about spending money for lowering ceilings, etc., in the face of the President's admonition not to spend money for up-grading decor, etc. I asked them to reconsider this proposition and to come back and see me in about two weeks with Bob Bannerman.

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5. I reviewed with [redacted] the briefing sheets which have been prepared for the Director's consideration prior to his attendance at the President's meeting on 16 July. The more I see of this the stronger I feel that this is a wheel-spinning exercise not at all realistic for this Agency. We may have to go through it, but in the final analysis the Director should appeal to the President if necessary. (On 13 July John Clarke, [redacted] and I briefed the Director and Mr. Helms at which time Dick's reaction was exactly the same. He undertook to solicit McGeorge Bundy's assistance to convene the 303 Committee with Mr. Schultze present, at which time we would make a broad-brush budget presentation, emphasizing that cuts in CIA's budget in today's world are unrealistic and unwise, with the hope that we could persuade the Bureau of the Budget to treat us a little differently from the way they treat old-line agencies. In the meantime, however, we have received a letter from Mr. Schultze saying that indeed we are going to have to go through the exercise, identify lower priorities, etc., and that he would hope we would do this in our first task force report, which he would like to receive on 16 July, one week prior to the Director's scheduled Fiscal Year 1967 preview meeting with the Director of the Bureau. I have asked BPAM to prepare the report for the Director's consideration, but we will, of course, not submit it until we know the results of Dick's efforts and until we have heard what the President has to say on 16 July.)

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6. I asked Bob Bannerman to look into the case of [redacted] who returned from Saigon recently and let me know sometime soon the facts of the situation.

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7. I talked to Dick Helms and Des Fitzgerald about a cable from [redacted] indicating that an unconventional warfare planning agency was to be set [redacted]. Des felt that we could keep in close enough touch with this very small agency without integrating someone into it and that, except for getting [redacted] to find out what is going on, he thought no action appropriate at this moment. I left it in his good hands.

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